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Present status and future plans

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1. Introduction

In 2002, Argo-Spain started the Argo program through a European project where a total of 80 Argo profilers were deployed in the North Atlantic. Since then, data have been collected in order to reach the scientific objectives scheduled:

- Oceanographic data is assimilated into operational models.
- Results of the models are used to redesign observation and measurement strategies.
- Information of subsurface water is used in ocean - atmosphere models, essential for medium and long-term predictions.
- Getting information of salinity and temperature fields at different depths, mixing layer, thermocline depth and its seasonal and spatial variability.
- Data will make strong the Argo ocean observing system, allowing optimal and accurate estimations of the fields and flows into the ocean in climate modeling and statistical analysis of variability.

Data from Argo floats is transmitted from the float and passed through processing and automatic quality control procedures. The target is to issue the data to the GTS and Global Data servers as quickly thereafter as possible. These are called real – time data (RT). The data are also issued to the Principle Investigators. These scientists apply other procedures to check data quality. The main target is to return the processed data to the global data centers within 6 to 12 months. These procedures are called the delayed mode (DM). The adjustments applied to delayed-data may also be applied to real – time data, to correct sensor drifts for real – time users. However, these real – time adjustments will be recalculated by the delayed mode quality control (DMQC).

The main working area covers the North Atlantic Ocean, Canary Islands region and Mediterranean Sea. This allows us to get a general perspective of completely different ocean dynamics.

In this document we briefly describe all the stages of the data management (data processing, data correction and generation of data products and figures) of the DMQC for Argo-Spain floats. It is designed to process data of the most widely used and commercially exploited Argo platforms (APEX, ARVOR and NAVIS).

2. The status of implementation

The Argo-Spain program started in 2002 and is currently coordinated by the IEO. Since then, 82 floats have been deployed, of which 25 were active at the end of 2018.

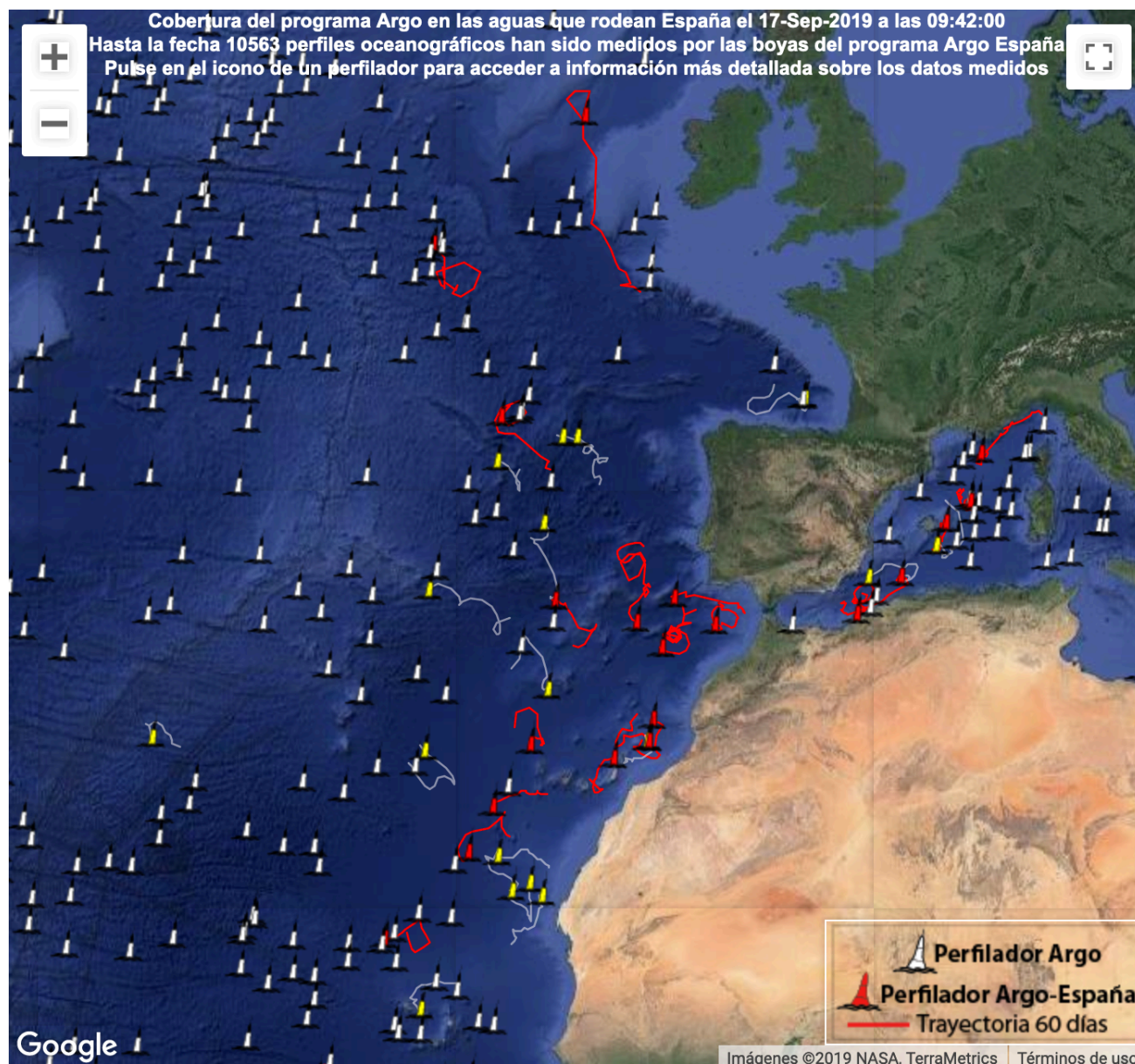


Figure 1. Status of the Argo Spain program on September 18th 2019. Altogether, 90 floats have been deployed.

The following table shows relevant information of each Argo-Spain float. It is a database that records information of some features from the deployment until the floats stop completely.

WMO ID	STATUS	PROJECT NAME	FLOAT OWNER	PLATFORM TYPE	CONTROLLER BOARD TYPE PRIMARY	Depl. Date (DD/MM/YYYY)
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1900279	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	APEX	APF8C	27/09/2003
1900377	EOWL	Argo México	IEO	PROVOR		04/05/2005
1900378	EOWL	Argo Costa Rica	IEO	PROVOR		07/12/2005
1900379	EOWL	Argo Costa Rica	IEO	PROVOR		07/12/2005
4900556	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	PROVOR		05/03/2005
4900557	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	PROVOR		10/09/2004
4900558	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	PROVOR		10/09/2004
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6900231	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	APEX	APF8C	18/12/2003
6900506	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	APEX		13/09/2006
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6900634	NW	Argo SPAIN	ICM	APEX	APF8C	14/02/2012
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6900760	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	APEX	APF9A	05/09/2010
6900761	EOWL	Argo SPAIN	IEO	APEX	APF9A	06/09/2010
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Table 1. Argo Spain floats database.

Floats deployed and their performance

During 2018, a total of 15 Argo floats were deployed by Argo-Spain:

- 3 ARVOR - L floats [Argo Spain] in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 12 ARVOR – L floats [Argo Spain in the North Atlantic].

The major contribution of Argo Spain to extend the international Argo network during 2018 was focused in the central and north Atlantic areas, deploying a total of 7 ARVOR – L floats. This deployment mission was coordinated by IEO in collaboration with partners who cooperated for the success of the mission. For further and detailed information, please see the attached link:

<http://www.oceanografia.es/argo/Informes/6901253InformeLanzamiento.pdf>

As another example, the ARVOR – L float with WMO 6901260 is currently diving southwest of Portugal after 100 profiles developed [Fig. 3]. The float was programmed to dive up to 2000m every 5 days measuring temperature and salinity during the ascending phase, developing a profile depth of 2000m within a parking depth of 1000m.



Figure 2. R/V Ángeles Alvariño crew moments before the deployment of WMO 6901260 under safety measures at *STOCA1806* survey.

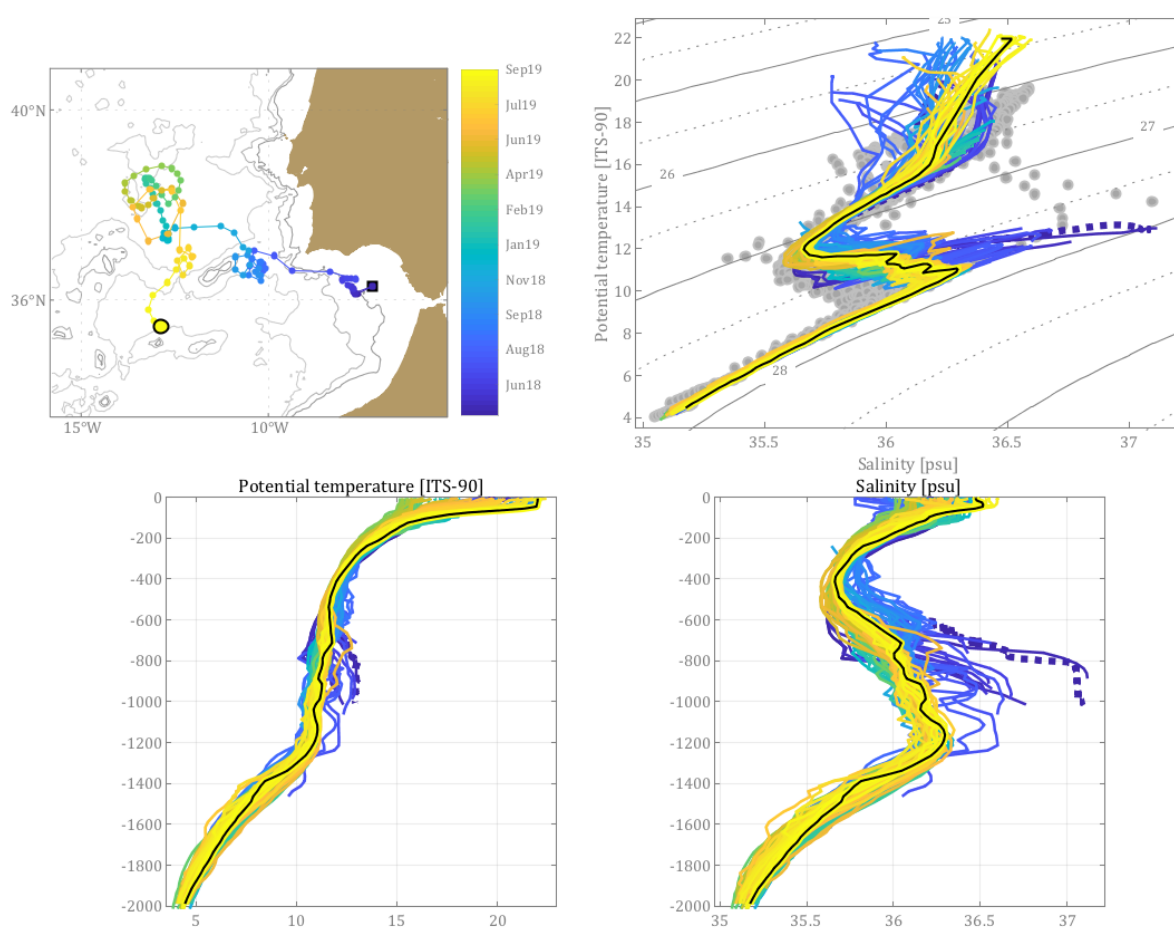


Figure 3. The trajectory of the float since the deployment is showed in the upper left side of the picture. T-S diagram of the data collected by WMO 6901260 is showed in the upper right side of the picture. The grey points are the climatology of the area. The black line is the first profile carried out by the float. The dark blue dashed line describes the CTD cast carried out from the R/V Ángeles Alvariño. Potential Temperature and Salinity profiles are also shown in the lower side on the picture.

Technical problems encountered and solved

The ARVOR – L float WMO 6901267 was deployed on July 18th, 2018 at the Mediterranean Sea. The float worked as expected, developing a number of 32 profiles in total, until it grounded at Formentera island. It was recovered for thorough inspection before a next re - deployment (on hold).

Status of contributions to Argo data management (including status of pressure corrections, technical files, etc)

After each deployment, the detailed technical information is provided to the DAC in charge of the floats (Coriolis) and to the AIC. The Argo-Spain program is aware of the changes in the technical and metadata data formats and is providing the necessary information. Some of the earlier floats deployed by Spain were affected by TNPD. Most of these floats were already corrected during 2017 and 2018, remaining only but the total corrected files will be submitted during 2019.

Status of delayed mode quality control process

Argo-Spain mainly deploys floats in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. In terms of DMQC, Argo-Spain manages its floats that operate in the Atlantic Ocean and the Instituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale (OGS) manages all the floats that operate in the Mediterranean Sea, including floats of Argo-Spain. The DMQC of the Argo Spain floats that operate in the Mediterranean Sea will be assumed by Argo Spain itself at some point, always subject to personnel availability.

Argo-Spain float fleet is comprised of 82 floats deployed so far. A total of 59 floats have been deployed in the Atlantic Ocean and 23 floats deployed in the Mediterranean Sea (fig. 4).

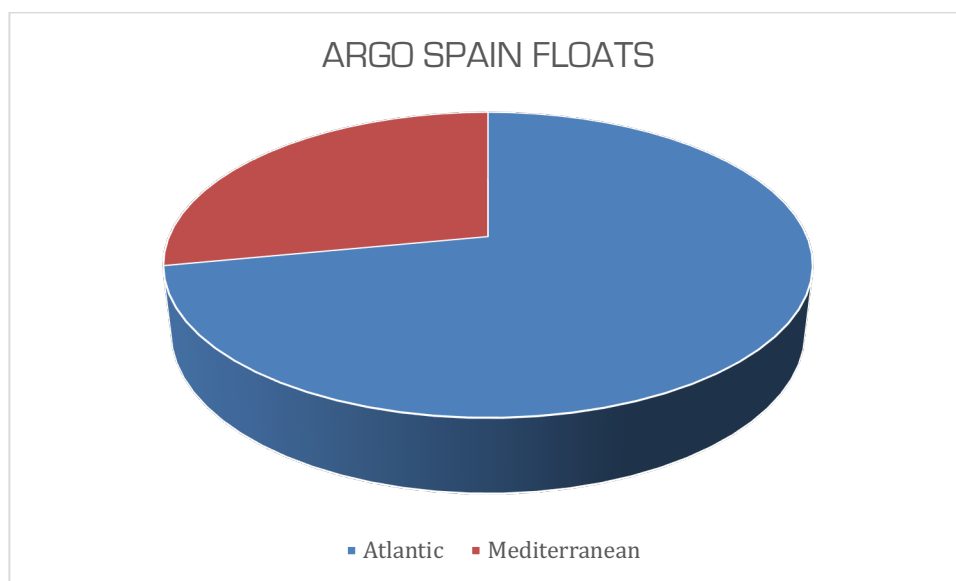


Figure 4. Argo-Spain floats fleet.

DMQC have been carried out for 16 floats in 2016 [35,5%], for 19 floats [42,2%] in 2017 and for 4 floats in 2018 [8,8%]. It is planned to carry DMQC for the remaining 6 floats [13,3%] during 2019 (fig. 5). After this task, active current floats older than 1 year will be include in the Argo Spain DMQC and processed.

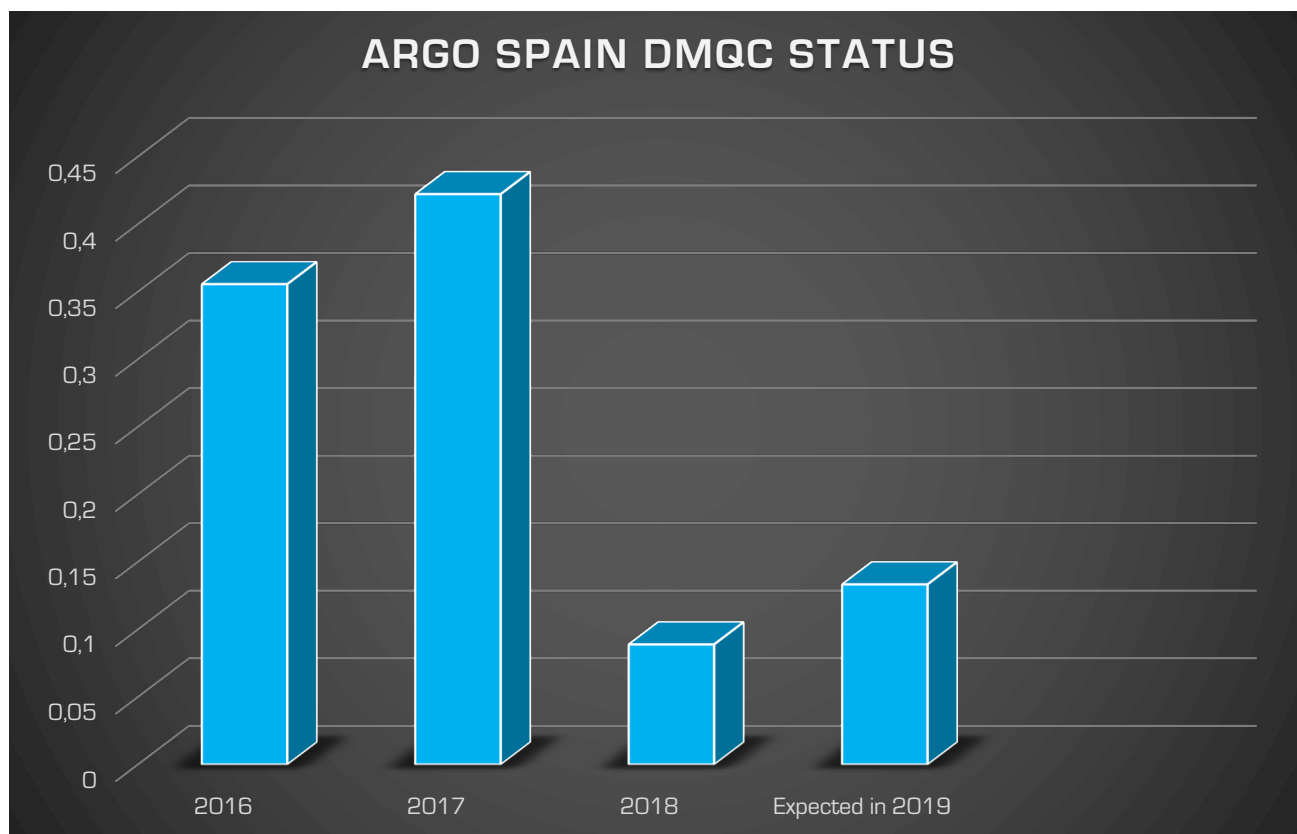


Figure 5. Argo-Spain floats fleet.

3. Present level of and future prospects for national funding for Argo including a summary of the level of human resources devoted to Argo.

Aware of the importance of the role that Spain should play and development opportunities, the *IEO* and the *Coastal and Prediction Observation System of the Balearic Islands* (SOCIB) have assumed the financial commitment that entails that Spain takes part as a full member of the Euro-Argo research infrastructure, thus the deployment of at least 3 Argo floats per year since 2015 has been ensured. On January 1, 2017, Spain joined definitively as a full member of the European infrastructure Euro- Argo.

The IEO's funding covers for float procurement in the period 2018-2020 (5 argo floats per year), transmission costs and part-time personnel support. The *IEO* funds the scientific coordination (0.25 FTE), and is expected that 1 FTE will be incorporated permanently at the beginning of 2020 to Argo Spain. Besides, the long-term support from the IEO, SOCIB will deploy 3 Argo floats per year in the Western Mediterranean until 2021.

4. Summary of deployment plans and other commitments to Argo for the upcoming year and beyond where possible.

The deployment plan has been submitted to the IAC. Although the ultimate deployments may change following feedback from the Spanish research community, the current plan is:

- 3 floats (ARVOR - L) to be deployed in the Mediterranean Sea in 2020 and 2021.
- 5 floats (ARVOR - L) to be deployed in the Atlantic ocean in 2019 and 2020.
- 1 deep argo float (3 heads) to be deployed in the Subtropical Eastern North Atlantic in 2019 or 2020.

Point out that the 3 heads Deep Arvor float is part of the EA - RISE European project and are Euro-Argo floats.

5. Summary of national research and operational uses of Argo data as well as contributions to Argo Regional Centers.

Argo is used by many Spanish researches to improve the understanding of the climate and ocean variability. Ocean and weather forecast operational models also use Argo data. The web page of the Argo Spain program is: <http://www.argoespana.es>

6. Issues that your country wishes to be considered and resolved by the Argo Steering Team regarding the international operation of Argo.

None.

7. To continue improving the quality and quantity of CTD cruise data being added to the reference database by Argo PIs, it is requested that you include any CTD station data that was taken at the time of float deployments this year. Additionally, please list CTD data (calibrated with bottle data) taken by your country in the past year that may be added to the reference database. These cruises could be ones designated for Argo calibration purposes only or could be cruises that are open to the public. To help CCHDO track down this data, please list the dates of the cruise and the PI to contact about the data.

A CTD cast is performed after most of the Argo-Spain deployments. However, the data have not been submitted to the CCHDO website due to lack of personnel during 2018. This task will be undertaken throughout 2019.

8. List of all papers published by scientists within Spain in the past year using Argo data, including non-English publications.

Barceló-Llull, B., Pascual, A., Mason, E., & Mulet, S. (2018). Comparing a multivariate global ocean state estimate with high-resolution in situ data: An anticyclonic intrathermocline eddy near the canary islands. *Frontiers in Marine Science*, 5(MAR) doi:10.3389/fmars.2018.00066

Hernandez-Lasheras, J., & Mourre, B. (2018). Dense CTD survey versus glider fleet sampling: Comparing data assimilation performance in a regional ocean model west of sardinia. *Ocean Science*, 14(5), 1069-1084. doi:10.5194/os-14-1069-2018

Llanillo, P. J., Pelegrí, J. L., Talley, L. D., Peña-Izquierdo, J., & Cordero, R. R. (2018). Oxygen pathways and budget for the eastern south pacific oxygen minimum zone. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 123(3), 1722-1744. doi:10.1002/2017JC013509

Olmedo, E., Gabarró, C., González-Gambau, V., Martínez, J., Ballabrera-Poy, J., Turiel, A., . . . Lee, T. (2018). Seven years of SMOS sea surface salinity at high latitudes: Variability in arctic and sub-arctic regions. *Remote Sensing*, 10(11) doi:10.3390/rs10111772

Vigo, M. I., García-García, D., Sempere, M. D., & Chao, B. F. (2018). 3D geostrophy and volume transport in the southern ocean. *Remote Sensing*, 10(5) doi:10.3390/rs10050715

Outreach publication in Spanish:

González-Santana, A., P. Vélez Belchí. 2018. Argo: conocer el océano global. *Investigación y ciencia*, ISSN 0210-136X, N° 500, 2018, págs. 40-47